

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Applicants : Don Carl Powell et al.
Title : METHOD FOR FORMING A BARRIER LAYER
Docket No. : MIO 0059 V2

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Attached hereto as Appendix A is a marked up reproduction of the changes made to the title by the current amendment. Additions have been underscored and deletions have been bracketed.

At page 1, line 1, please amend the title as follows:

SYSTEM AND DEVICE INCLUDING A BARRIER LAYER

At page 1 after the Title, please insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/653,639, filed August 31, 2000 .--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-29.

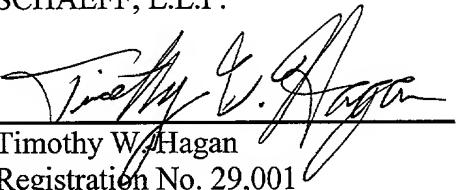
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REMARKS

Claims 30-31 were withdrawn from the parent application as a result of a restriction requirement. Applicant respectfully requests examination of those claims on the merits in this divisional application.

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Appendix A

VERSION OF SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
IN THE SPECIFICATION

The title has been amended as follows:

SYSTEM AND DEVICE INCLUDING [METHOD FOR FORMING] A BARRIER LAYER

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